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N D STATE LAND DEPARTMENT

## AFFIDAVIT OF DISCLAIMING TITLE

(1)

Gary D. Preszler, Commissioner, and Dale L. Frink, State Engineer, first duly sworn, swear upon penalty of perjury that the statements made in this affidavit are true.

- 1. I, Gary D. Preszler, am North Dakota's Commissioner of University and School Lands, which is entrusted with management responsibilities for oil, gas and related hydrocarbons in the sovereign lands of North Dakota.
- 2. I, Dale L. Frink, am North Dakota's State Engineer, which is entrusted with management of the State's possessory interests in sovereign lands, other than the oil, gas and related hydrocarbons in the sovereign lands.
- 3. At the time that North Dakota became a state, it acquired, under the Equal Footing Doctrine and Submerged Lands Act, sovereign lands from the federal government. Sovereign lands mean those areas, including beds and islands, lying within the ordinary high water mark of navigable lakes and streams.
- 4. The question of navigability of a lake or stream at the time of statehood is determinative of whether title to the lands underlying such waters was acquired by the state.
- Chapter 61-33, North Dakota Century Code, grants the duty and power to the Board of University and School Lands and the State Engineer to make and execute all instruments of release and conveyance for the administration of sovereign lands.
- 6. The Board of University and School Lands and the State Engineer do not assert that the lands underlying the following waters, commonly known as **Redmond Township NWPA Lakes**, are sovereign, and hereby disclaim title and ownership to the lands underlying the lake, located on and in the following described property:

## Mountrail County Township 157 North, Range 89 West Section 4: W2, SW4NE4, W2SE4 Section 8: S2NE4, N2SE4 Section 9: SW4, NE4NW4, SW4NE4 Section 15: W2SW4 Section 16: S2, NW4, S2NE4, NW4NE4 Section 17: E2E2

Section 20: SE4 Section 21: E2E2, SW4SW4 Section 22: W2NW4, SW4

Section 27: NW4

Section 28: NE4, W2NW4, SE4NW4, N2SW4, SW4SW4

Section 29: E2NE4, S2SW4, NE4SW4

Section 32: E2

Township 158 North, Range 89 West

Section 33: S2SW4

7. The State of North Dakota further preserves any title and rights that it may claim as a riparian owner.

Dated this <u>2/s+</u> day of <u>August</u>, 2009. Gary D. Preszler, Commissioner

North Dakota Board of University and School Lands

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA ) so COUNTY OF BURLEIGH )

On this 21 st day of August , 2009, before me personally appeared Gary D. Preszler, Commissioner of the Board of University and School Lands of North Dakota, known to me to be the person who executed this instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

DEBRA K JACOBS Notary Public State of North Dakota My Commission Expires Aug. 2, 2013

Debra K. Jacobs Notary Public

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## **Redmond Township NWPA Lakes**

Dated this 14th day of September, 2009

T158N, R89W, Section 33

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Dale L. Frink, North Dakota State Engineer

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

On this day of d

Notary Public

ROSEMARY PEDERSEN Notary Public State of North Dakota My Commission Expires Nov. 12, 2012

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I certify that this instrument was filed and recorded,

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MELISSA VACHAL, County Recorder
By And Lawry Deputy

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